

Afghan teachers arrive to study in Omaha; Fulbright scholars to follow

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The first group of female teachers participating in the Afghan Teacher Education Project arrived in Omaha on Oct. 29 to begin a six-week training program in the United States.

Twelve teachers arrived with the group. Two more groups are expected in March and May.

The project, which is funded by a special grant from the Fulbright Program, is run by UNO's Center for Afghanistan Studies. The participants will live with families in Omaha and take English language and teaching methodology classes as well as computer courses, said A. Raheem Yaseer, assistant director of the Center for Afghanistan Studies.

"They are all English teachers, but their level of English is not very high," Yaseer said. The teachers will be provided with a laptop and learn how to use the Internet, e-mail and various programs.

Yaseer said part of their program here also includes a trip to western Nebraska, where they will visit different



Thomas Gouttierre (left) helps Bilqees Habeebee (middle) and Firozaan Hasheme find their classes Monday morning.

educational institutions and historical sites. On the last part of their trip in early December, the teachers will visit Washington, D.C. for part of their cultural and historic education.

The teachers were selected for the program through the Ministry of Education in Afghanistan, which tried to

recruit participants from diverse areas and backgrounds in the country, Yaseer said.

"It took a long time because it was not easy," he said. "It was a difficult job of selecting the appropriate people."

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UNO professor reports harassment from his student

MARION RHODES

News editor

When UNO professor John Hafer checked his e-mails on Sept. 10, one message stuck out to him.

In vulgar language, a student threatened to violently attack Hafer if he sent any more e-mail messages to him.

The e-mail came from a first-time student in Hafer's principles of marketing class, whom he kept updated on course assignments, job opportunities and marketing club meetings via Blackboard's class e-mail system.

"I open my e-mail at like 8 o'clock in the morning and this is what I get," Hafer said. "And I don't know what I got! Is this a crazy person? You get something like that, believe me, you'd take it seriously."

Hafer reported the incident to UNO's Campus Security, who recommended that he file a report with the Omaha Police Department.

"I was fully confident that this guy was going to appear in my doorway," Hafer said. "There are way too many instances of crazies out there walking into their professors' offices and shooting them."

Paul Kosel, assistant manager of Campus Security, contacted the city prosecutor about the incident. But he said that while the prosecutor agreed the e-mail was threatening, he didn't feel there was enough of a threat in there that the law would be able to prosecute the author.

The scariest part about it, Hafer said, is that he has no idea who the message's author is. The student was in a class of more than 100, and Hafer said it would be impossible to know each person in a class of that size.

Rita Henry, assistant to the vice chancellor of student affairs, would not comment on what happened to the student. Kosel said he is no longer taking any classes at UNO.

But the student's expulsion doesn't mean Hafer feels safe now.

"The problem that I have is that I don't know who this kid is," he said. "I don't know what he looks like."

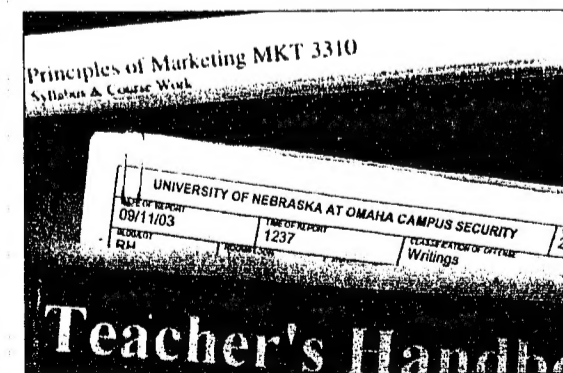
He said he has even checked into the firearms law about carrying concealed weapons.

Hafer said this was not the first time he's been threatened. He said that in the spring semester last year, one of his students had visited him in his office and screamed that "he was going to get" him.

"There's far more of this going on than people know about," he said. "People in the faculty just take it as a part of doing business."

When Hafer told other faculty members about the incident, he was surprised how many of them said that

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NU Board of Regents defines characteristics for new president

MARION RHODES

News editor

The NU Board of Regents has outlined the qualifications they will be seeking in a new president for the university.

The board approved a list of characteristics during an emergency meeting, held via conference call last Friday. The list will be sent to the Presidential Advisory Search Committee.

The Search Committee will be looking for a candidate who has the following qualities:

The candidate must have major leadership roles with bottom-line responsibility for outcomes and who has demonstrated the ability to lead people and organizations in achieving these outcomes.

He or she must also have a record of excellence in intellectual and academic performance, and significant experience with a university system or a record of excellence, significant leadership and experience outside academia in business or public service.

The candidate should have familiarity with the complexity of a major public research university.

He or she should be able to prove the ability to enhance and diversify the institution's funding base.

The candidate must also be willing to stay with the

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UNL budget finalization leads to cuts at UNO

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The finalized budget cuts at UNL will eliminate nutrition and textile courses and the Department of Industrial Systems Technology on the UNO campus.

Nutritional science and dietetics courses, along with the textiles, clothing and design courses from UNL's College of Education and Human Sciences, will soon only be offered at UNL.

The original budget proposal had also planned to cut family and consumer sciences courses at UNO. However, that proposed cut was reversed, said Kaye Stanek-Krogstrand, associate professor in the department of nutrition and health sciences at UNO. Those courses will remain unchanged.

UNO has 66 students majoring in the nutrition program, which will be completely eliminated from the Omaha campus by the summer of 2004, Stanek-Krogstrand said. The textile program, with about 25 UNO student majors, will be gone by spring.

Students who want to complete the program will have to take the courses in Lincoln.

"Most of them will not be able to do that," Stanek-Krogstrand said. "They have families, they have jobs and they can't handle the commuting."

She said she assumes many students who are far

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University of Nebraska launches new ad campaign

JILL SINDELAR
Staff writer

The University of Nebraska has launched a new advertising campaign that has started rolling through the United States.

For the new campaign, "On 18 Wheels," the university has teamed up with Crete Carrier Corp. to construct a set of rolling billboards, or 53-foot semi-trailers with University of Nebraska advertising on their sides. The trailers started driving down the interstate highways between Kansas City and Omaha and on freeways and highways in all of the lower 48 states on Oct. 25.

Crete Carrier Corp., which is based in Lincoln, donated the sides of five new semi-trailers as canvas for the billboards.

University officials said they feel



NU President L. Dennis Smith speaks about NU campaign.

the rolling ad campaign is a unique advertising medium and that it is an innovative way to market the

university.

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enough along will complete their program; after that however, the enrollment numbers will reduce drastically.

The program at UNO has housed about one-third of dietetics students in the college, and Stanek-Krogstrand said the overall numbers will probably drop in the next years.

She is the only faculty member who will be affected by the cuts. She said she would be working in Lincoln by the summer semester.

Stanek-Krogstrand has made a proposal, which has not been decided on, to continue teaching one introductory nutrition class in Omaha. The course would benefit exercise science and pre-nursing

students.

"It can provide a way to recruit students to the program in Lincoln," she said.

The Department of Industrial Systems Technology in Omaha, which is part of the UNL College of Engineering and Technology, has also been eliminated.

Richard Buhman, associate professor in the Industrial Systems Technology department, said a similar program is not offered anywhere in Nebraska.

"The students here were getting an education that was difficult to obtain anywhere because we are well-equipped here," Buhman said.

The department offers programs in manufacturing engineering technology and industrial

technology.

Buhman said the number of students in the program has varied with the economy. Since the market has been showing signs of improvement, they were expecting the enrollment numbers to rise.

The number of students in the program has already been cut in half since the announcement of the cut was made, Buhman said.

He said the cut has ruined the plans of parents, students and local industry that will now have to look elsewhere for qualified graduates in that field.

"Over the years, we have had a lot of graduates who have contributed to the community," he said. "It's just too bad this happened."

the faculty members are dealing with it themselves, and that's the end of it."

Kosel said he would encourage anybody to come forward and bring harassment or threats to his attention.

He said what people consider harassment may be different from person to person. Basically, once you

say something that makes another person feel threatened, you're setting yourself up for harassment complaints, he said.

In the case of the e-mail to Hafer, Kosel said "there was an indication of a threat in there, so you have to take action."

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they too have had similar experiences.

Kosel said that most faculty members will not report such incidences.

"If we get a report once a year, that's a lot," he said. "I'm sure that

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University of Nebraska for at least five years and ideally up to 10 years.

Other features the Search Committee will be looking for are character, personal and moral values, ethics and a vision consistent with

the mission of the University of Nebraska.

In the meeting, the Board of Regents voted to use a search firm to assist in the process of the search. The executive committee, existing of three regents and the co-chair of the

Search Committee, are responsible for interviewing prospective search firms.

The new president will replace current NU President L. Dennis Smith, who will step down in June 2004.

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A group of teachers came to Omaha under the same program last fall, and they are now back in Afghanistan training other teachers and sharing their experiences, Yaseer said. Some of them took part in orientating the new group.

"The last group came and they had a great experience," Yaseer said. "It was a mutual benefit for everybody, for Nebraskans as well as for Afghans."

In addition, he said the program helps create understanding between Afghans and the people of Nebraska.

The center is also currently preparing for the first group of Fulbright Scholars from Afghanistan to arrive. UNO received a federal

grant to re-introduce the Fulbright program with Afghanistan earlier this year.

Recruitment for the program began over the summer, and the applicants have now undergone the required tests and interviews for the final selection process. Thomas Gouttiere, dean of International Studies and Programs and director of the center, recently traveled to Afghanistan to help administer the interviews.

Yaseer said approximately 40 people have been chosen, and the first half of them are scheduled to arrive in mid- to late November.

The scholars will undergo an orientation period in Omaha before they are placed at a university in the United States to study for six months to a year.

Campus news briefs

MARION RHODES
News editor

Pre-law open house set for Saturday

The University of Nebraska College of Law and UNL's College of Arts and Sciences Advising Center will host a pre-law open house Saturday at Ross McCollum Hall on the East campus, Loop and Fair Streets, Lincoln. The event will be held from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and is designed to inform students about law school, career opportunities in law and how to prepare for law school. During a free pizza lunch, current law school students and alumni will share their experiences with visitors. Reservations are recommended. Call (402) 472-2161.

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UNO professor to speak in behalf of Latino immigrants in the Midwest

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A UNO professor has been named as the representative from Nebraska to serve on the Chicago Council Immigration Task Force.

Lourdes Gouveia, director of the Great Plains' Office of Latino/Latin American Studies and associate professor of sociology, will help bring the Midwest's voice to immigration policy making.

The Chicago Council on Foreign Relations created the task force to research different aspects of immigration, including its impact on the economy, security, trade and undocumented immigrants.

Gouveia said the task force, which is made up of professionals from a variety of backgrounds on the issue, will craft policy recommendations from the perspective of the Midwest population.

She said this is an attempt to balance the voices on the issue, because the coasts have typically dominated immigration policy-making. The Midwest, however, has a different point of view.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for voices both from Nebraska and more specifically from UNO and our program... to be present at this high caliber forum," she said.

The group will meet for five or six monthly meetings and then create a report that reflects the kinds of institutional changes that the group finds are needed in different areas, Gouveia said. The group members will analyze data on the issues as well as draw from their own experiences. The report will offer recommendations that



photo by Chris Machian

Lourdes Gouveia, CLS director.

will be presented to governors as well as congressional and judicial committees.

The task force has also planned for several site visits to Mexico, Canada and Washington, D.C., and is considering the possibility of visiting some new immigrant communities, Gouveia said.

"This really demonstrates what many of us have known all along," she said. "We, as a university, have an important role to play in these kinds of policy discussions."

She said immigration and the growing Latino population in the United States is an issue that affects many people, including businesses and social services.

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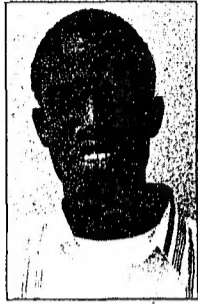
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Religion: the spirituality of the powerful

In spite of appearances to the contrary, Americans continue to be a very "spiritual" people. Now, this is not necessarily the same thing as being religious – for one may be religious without being spiritual. One may adhere to the motions for the motions' sake, and one may recite the creed for recitation's sake and still be damnably recalcitrant. I also say "spiritual" in quotes, because the kind of spirituality in question doesn't fit your everyday definition of spirituality. It is not that concept which one may hold to be a synonym of "saintliness," "piety," "holiness" or other such virtues. It is not that idea, which one may reasonably believe, refers to conformity to the pursuit of some form of higher knowledge. It certainly isn't that notion, which claims for itself the expression of mystical union with a higher being.

Like most other things in this country, American spirituality is a tool and a bloody efficient one at that. It is a tool like

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any other tool – the car or the appliances of entertainment. It is a tool to be turned on and off at will, to be replaced when necessary and to be adjusted to meet the moods and demands of the moment. I have asked myself if spirituality, as popularly held and defined by the society, is a tool. If it is, then what is it used for and from where does its control come?

For instance, I have noticed how a large segment of the Christian populace in this country is always struggling to catch-up with those institutions that are supposedly intellectual in nature. It seems to me that Christian doctrine is always in a state of flux in this country. People believe one thing one day until the next piece of published research comes along. Then frantic members of the clergy and laity hurriedly arise with their "Eureka – It was in the bible all along, but we just didn't notice it." Thus the doctrine becomes redefined to accommodate pop culture. Yet the doctrine remains, in some form,

ever present – and this is baffling. One would have thought that with the constant redefinitions, the essential purpose of the doctrine as a source of ethics and communal orthodoxy would be undermined. Still, a war continues to be waged by the "liberal and progressive" elements of society against the "backward" armies of the religious camp. Even more puzzling is the "respect" with which members of both camps seem to view their foes on the opposite side, a respect that is vitally an acknowledgement of the strength of the opposition. The liberals have sworn to tear the vestiges of "science defying medievalism" from the adorning of modern America – and the "children of God" have vowed to cackle from their vantage points on the balconies of heaven over the heads of the liberals as they burn in hell.

It's not just Christianity. Although it seems to me that Christianity, as a philosophy is more amenable to redefinition. A popular slur in the Islamic world is the idea of a "westernized Muslim" – that member of the Ummah who dares to stray from the path of Orthodoxy and call for an end to the obvious support of Middle Eastern

governments for terrorism. True, you will hardly find the totally covered, impeccably veiled, prayer bead hugging Muslim as highly visible members of the American public. Yet, those who do arrive in this society as such have to contend with the forces of redefinition. I was reading recently the review of a book by a Moslem writer who lives in Canada. In the book, the author denounced Islam as incompatible with the times and called for reformation. True to type, large segments of the Arab press warned the author to return pronto to the path of orthodoxy and seek absolution for "self hatred."

I have always thought the idea of pilgrimage to a city could be counted as a spiritual virtue was a highly efficient means of political control—at least in the sense that the religion will probably never want for a religious-political epicenter. Obviously, the Vatican City might have served the same purpose as Mecca were it not for those dratted Eastern Churches and the heretic, Luther.

The point is, in this country, even Madonna lays claim to spirituality. She practices Kabala, some form of mystic

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Letters to the editor

Dear editor:

In response to Dan Koborg's Oct. 31 editorial piece, I would like to refute his claims regarding the issue of gay marriage. In no state is it currently legal for homosexual couples to attain a marriage license, though there is a case pending in the Massachusetts Supreme Court that may allow for rights at the state level. It is apparent that Mr. Koborg is uninformed on the issue—gay couples cannot legally marry each other in the United States.

Why is gay marriage such an important issue for the millions of couples out there who cannot legally wed? Simple: marriage qualifies these couples for inheritance rights, tax benefits, insurance benefits, divorce protections, social security, adoptive and natural child custody rights, etc. A "partner" doesn't even have the right to visit his/her significant other in the hospital if they are admitted because of a car accident. Only family members do. None of these legal protections are present without marriage.

This reeks of injustice to me.

Koborg's editorial continues with the argument that because marriage has traditionally been limited to heterosexual couples in this country makes it right. HOW? Just because white people enslaved blacks for hundreds of years in this country doesn't make it right.

His anti-gay tirade continues with name calling, generalizing that homosexuals practice "reckless promiscuity."

Dear editor:

In Dan Koborg's Oct. 31 article about gay marriage, he writes that Andrew Sullivan concedes that some of the elements of the gay male lifestyle, such as the reckless promiscuity, endanger society and the lives of the homosexuals that live this way.

Since when was reckless promiscuity only reserved for gay people? Straight people practice reckless promiscuity everyday. Straight people endanger society everyday. Straight people endanger their lives everyday.

Should Koborg really be using the opinion of a journalist to backup his hate crime of an article or should he use scientific evidence or at least professional opinion of people who are much better suited for this kind of argument? This is the most biased anti-gay article I have seen in quite a long time.

As for saying gay people have the same equal right to marry someone is ridiculous. Gay people can't marry each other and that is not equality.

Koborg writes, "The truth of the matter is, marriage is not an institution merely based on love. Marriage is given special legal status, including tax and insurance benefits, for mainly one

Consider the facts: writing in the *Weekly Standard*, Stanley Kurtz states that 20 percent of gay males who had participated in a "commitment ceremony" did not practice monogamy, while a University of San Francisco study found that 24 percent of married heterosexual men have had sex with partners other than their wives. He then rambles on comparing the fight for homosexual marriage with that of polygamous marriage and incestuous marriage. This point is moot in that the courts have a compelling interest to prevent the latter two types in cases of civil and custodial law, as well as for the well being of potential offspring. The courts do not have a compelling interest to prevent gay marriage.

The editorial's comments regarding straight, married couples being the only viable option in raising children made me laugh. The author, by making this statement, maintains that children raised by divorced, unmarried, single, adoptive parents, or grandparents have been raised in an inferior setting. As far as gay couples raising children goes, every major psychological and most legal organizations in the United States have endorsed a platform calling for the legalization of gay adoptions, citing evidence that children raised in those environments perform equally to those raised by heterosexual married couples, and that the parents' sexual orientations in those adoptive situations had no influence on that of the children raised in that home.

Sincerely,
Andrew Lenz

reason. The reason is that marriage is an institution established for children."

That is a totally un-educated statement.

Marriage has never been mainly about having children. Men and women have been having children out of wedlock since the beginning of human existence. Cave people sure never had to go down to the court house and fill out papers and get blood tests so they could get married. People in Jesus' time never had to do those things either. Before government got involved in marriage, marriage was a church only issue. Two people got married, in the church, without any sort of government red tape or paperwork. The educated fact is that marriage was solely a promise to God that the couple would remain faithful unto one another.

I do hope Koborg at least does some research before writing his next article - at least more research than merely quoting another journalist.

Mr. Jody Renaldo
Executive Director
Equality Mississippi

Dear editor,

I was quite put off by Dan Koborg's, "The Case Against Gay Marriage," article. I have a few gay friends and none of them are recklessly promiscuous or endangering society. Just as I know of countless heterosexual college men and women alike who engage in promiscuous, reckless, endangering activities and behaviors.

I believe Dan made a terribly generalized statement by his definition of the "gay lifestyle." Also, love and children are not all that constitute marriage in America; it can pertain to a family unit.

Married couples are given tax breaks, but they are also given family status, which can make a huge difference in legal and medical issues. For example, when a woman is in a coma, her husband becomes her legal representative and family is allowed visitation in critical conditions.

Because gay men and women are not allowed to marry, they cannot have these basic legal rights. Marriage may or may not have been meant for procreation, but the divorce rate and the number of children born out of wedlock each year would indicate that America doesn't take marriage all that seriously anyway.

While everyone is entitled to his or her opinion, I can only recommend to Dan that he take in different social perspectives and not make uneducated generalizations when making a "truth of the matter" argument.

Jen Disney
UNO Student

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El Aguila: traditionally appealing food

REVIEW BY MELISSA KUCIREK

Staff writer

Better save room for dessert — it's well worth it.

This week's review is of El Aguila restaurant, located on 18th and Vinton Streets in Omaha. Latent with culture and cuisine, El Aguila provided a pleasant luncheon experience.

After ordering a two beef taco combo (rice and beans included), I strategically took in the sights and sounds of this mid-Omaha staple. I could hear Mexican music in the background, and a large bar with colorful leaves and porcelain birds were visible from my perspective. The dining room itself isn't a complete "take me back to Mexico City" but it definitely puts you in the mood for some mariachi.

An interesting additive to El Aguila is its menu. On its cover is a photo of the current owner with his great-grandfather in a small Mexican village. The owner also writes a letter of appreciation on the menu; I think this is a fabulous idea. This really gives the aura and makes you feel a part of the restaurant's storied history. You can sense the traditions.

My tacos were absolutely fabulous —

not too greasy, but not bland or stale. I loved the rice and beans, especially the rice, which was very light and very tasty, not spicy at all like some other Mexican eateries.

The service is also very friendly. One of my luncheon associates had been give over-cooked tamale. Without hesitation, our waitress responded and soon brought out a new entrée.

A meal can't be complete without dessert and boy, does El Aguila add the second 's' in dessert, making it sensational. Out comes a plateful, and I mean fully

covering the plate, of sopapillas. Sopapillas are fluffy bread, which you dip in honey. Prior to El Aguila, my exposure to these delicacies has been specimens that are heavier and warmer, with a loaf-like taste. El Aguila's sopapillas are larger, with light sugarcoated flavorings and almost accordion-like in their size. One is plenty to eat. Keep your napkin handy because when you bite into one of these monsters, it's going to crumble. Remember: it's not a meal 'til it's on ya.

Overall, I highly recommend El Aguila for your eating pleasure. For under \$10, you can enjoy the sights, sounds and tastes of tradition. Dine in or carry out, it's worth the trip to this mid-town treasure.

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UNO celebrates Native American History Month

JOSIE LOZA

Editor-in-chief

A variety of events are planned this month to celebrate Native American Heritage Month at UNO. The campus celebration will begin Nov. 3 and will continue through Nov. 20. Events will include guest speakers and theatre presentations. All activities are free and open to the public.

"By learning about native issues, we are able to understand our own history," said Luis Muralles, cultural awareness programs adviser at UNO, in a press release. "Celebrations like this make it possible for many people to have hope for a brighter, peaceful future. UNO strives to educate its students to see the world as a colorless society where everyone can live in harmony."

Here is the line up:

Tuesday, Nov. 4

Lance Morgan, chief executive officer and president of Ho-Chunk Inc., will discuss the functions of his business. His business is a tribally chartered corporation wholly owned by the Winnebago Tribe in Winnebago, Neb. Through its business enterprises, Ho-Chunk Inc. strives to develop and operate successful tribally owned businesses to provide jobs and opportunities for tribal members both on and off the reservation. The event begins at noon in the Nebraska Room of the Milo Bail Student Center.

Wednesday, Nov. 5

Artist Donel Keeler, a member of the Dakota Nation with Ponca ancestry, will visit UNO. He is a self-taught artist. By drawing from the past, he aims to depict the struggle his ancestors lived and died for. He will make an appearance at noon in

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Health briefs from around town

RAE LICARI

Features editor

Feeling SAD this fall?

The University of Nebraska Medical Center psychiatry department will conduct a clinical trial for individuals experiencing seasonal affective disorder.

Individuals over 19 years of age who have experienced seasonal depression for the past two years and are in good general health may be eligible to participate. All study procedures

and medication will be provided.

For more information, call 354-6868.

Fall walk at the zoo

The Nebraska Medical Center's Zoo Walking Club will hold a Fall Festival Friday, Nov. 7 from 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m. at the Henry Doorly Zoo, 3701 So. 10th St. A speaker and blood pressure screening will be held. Registration is required but free. Register under Classes & Events at www.nebraskamed.com/health_wellness/main.cfm.

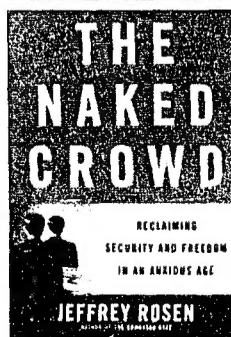
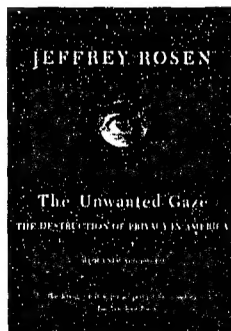
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Grand Island, Neb. features vintage baseball

VALERIE CUTSHALL

Senior staff

writer

So, you consider yourself a baseball nut? How's your history of the sport?

Here is some trivia for you on the early days of baseball. What do these terms mean: ballist, short scout, mascot, striker, bug-bruiser, sky scraper and rooters?

Are you having a little trouble? A ballist is a player, a short scout is the shortstop, a mascot is the ball boy, the striker is the batter, a bug-bruiser is a ground ball, a sky scraper is a fly ball and a rooter is a fan.

The Vintage Base Ball Association promotes the preservation of vintage baseball. Although some rules are the same as modern baseball, some rules have been lost from this gentleman's sport.

"It's important to continue vintage baseball teams because [they are] the roots of the national game," said Steffan Baker, commissioner of the Nebraska Vintage Base Ball Association and player on the Ord Tigers. "In vintage base ball, players say 'Yes, sir' and really act as gentlemen and ladies. It is very family oriented."

The vintage baseball teams each have nine players on the field and average 20 members. The vintage team of the Ord Tigers was founded in 1998 and averages 20 games a season.

The team was founded as a fund raiser



courtesy photo

The Vintage Baseball Association promotes the preservation of vintage baseball.

Today's Term - 19th Century Equivalent

Player - Ballist or Player
Team - Nine, Match Nine, Club or Side
Pitcher - Hurler
Catcher - Behind
Basemen - 1st, 2nd or 3rd Base Tenders
Shortstop - Short Scout (position originated as the 4th outfield "scout" who played short)
Outfielders - Left, Mid, and Right Scouts
Batter - Striker, Batsman, or Batter
Manager - Captain (who also usually played)
Batboy - Mascot (became the Batboy in 1909)
Bat - Bat, Ash, Willow, or Timber
Ground Ball - Bug-bruiser, Daisy-cutter, Grass Clipper or Ant Killer
Fly Ball - Cloud-Hunter, Sky-Scraper, Skyer or Air-Ball
Outfield - the Outer Garden or Garden
Run - Ace or Tally
Out - Hand Out, Dead or Out
Error - Error, Muff, Boot, Juggle, Mug or Loose Fielding
Hard Hit - Knock, Hammer, Stinger or Stunner
Fans - Cranks, Bugs or Rooters (Fan: a shortening of the boxing term, fancy, came in 1889)
Compliments - Square, Hunky, having Pluck, Ginger or Muckle
Insults - Muffin, Milkboy, Boyo, Cheese (Braggart) or Sharp (gambler)

Information taken from the Stulur Museum Web site at www.stulurmuseum.org.

for the county of Valley and has been playing since. The Tigers have played for county fairs, festivals and historical events.

"We play for historical events such as the College World Series and at historical parks," Baker said. "Even though some of the rules are different, it is easy to know the rules for me because I don't know the rules to modern baseball."

The rules of modern baseball would be recognizable by the 1890s. Some of the similarities are the teams include nine men, the games are played in nine innings and three outs end an inning. Bats were basically the same and balls were slightly smaller, lighter and softer.

The differences are more noticeable. The hurler or pitcher threw underhanded instead of overhand. If a ball was caught on the fly or on the first bound, it was considered an out. Players did not wear gloves. When a

runner crossed home plate, he had to report

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Abs-olutely wonderful?

LISA LIDDANE

The Orange County Register (KRT)

As exercise devices go, there never seems to be an end to the products claiming to target the abs.

"My fear is that the general public has been so overloaded with these devices. That they're skeptical of any of them — and I hope they are — but they may not believe one that is really effective," said Eric Sternlicht, exercise scientist and assistant professor of kinesiology at Occidental College in Los Angeles.

To his surprise, Sternlicht believes there's a portable exercise device that may be more effective than a crunch in stimulating the abdominal muscles.

The infomercial giant Guthy-Renker had commissioned Sternlicht and his colleagues at Occidental College to conduct a study comparing four abdominal devices with the traditional crunch. Sternlicht, who continues to conduct studies on ab devices, said he has no financial interest in the gadgets.

In their study published recently in the *Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research*, Sternlicht and his colleagues found that the Ab Roller Plus, Torso Track 2, AB-Doer Pro offered an abdominal workout no better than doing a crunch. But Perfect Abs, a device debuting early next year in infomercials, stimulated the abdominal

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Freekbass' funk returns to Ranch Bowl



courtesy photo

Freekbass will perform at the Ranch Bowl on Wednesday at 9 p.m.

ANGIE TYLER

Staff writer

The Freekbass funk is back.

Freekbass is returning to Omaha to perform music from its second released album, *The Air is Fresher Underground*.

Freekbass couldn't get enough of Omaha. At Freekbass' last concert in spring 2002, the Omaha crowd at the Ranch Bowl gave mad love when they performed music from their first album, *Body Over Mind*.

In appreciation, Freekbass is back to give Omaha more music with a lot more funk.

The group includes lead singer and bass player, Freekbass; drummer, back-up singer and rapper, Mista Swift; guitarist and rock star playing, Sean McGary; sax player, "J" and keyboardist Aaron Mahoney.

Each member of Freekbass offers many talents. The group's main genre is funk.

"Funk has been around for a long time and that is the style of music that we give on the album," Freekbass said.

Since Freekbass' music hits so many genres like Jazz, Dance, Rock, and R&B, it's really hard to specify whom the concert will attract, Freekbass said.

About 500 people attended the band's last Omaha concert.

During the interview, Freekbass talked about the differences between the first album *Body Over Mind* and the new release *The Air is Fresher Underground*.

The *Body Over Mind* album was a blueprint that introduced the group, giving them a leeway into a new career. The new release, *The Air is Fresher Underground*, is more raw and stretched out. The album has more structure and more country flare.

Freekbass does not have a favorite song on the album, but the band hopes that the fans will help make that decision

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Big "Elf," Big City, Big Laughs

REVIEW BY DANIELLE PETERSEN

Assistant photo editor

As the weather cools, Halloween passes and all of those scary movies lose their seasonal charm. As a result, you might want to consider another seasonal movie that does something other than scare.

So go see a movie that makes you leave the theatre happier than when you came and makes you want to believe in Santa again.

In the movie "Elf," alone in an orphanage on Christmas Eve was not the place for a baby to be. That is what young Buddy was probably thinking when he crawled into Santa's bag of gifts to hitch a ride to the North Pole. From there, Buddy was raised as an elf by his adopted Papa Elf (Bob Newhart), Santa (Edward Asner), and some of Santa's little helpers (the elves).

It was not apparent to Buddy, played by Saturday Night Live's funny guy Will Farrell, that he was a "special elf." Buddy had a new goal in life when he realized he had never fit into the "elf lifestyle" and when he learned the truth about his family.

Buddy decided to travel across the world and find his father in New York City. When Buddy finds his birth father, James Caan, his father is so wrapped up in his job as a children's book publisher that he forgets what Christmas is all about, like most of New York City in the movie.

Although the city of New York is



courtesy photo

Will Farrell plays "Buddy" the elf.

somewhat cold and unwelcoming, Buddy is comforted by his new stepmother (Mary Steenburgen) and finds a new friend in his stepbrother (played by 11-year-old, newcomer Daniel Tay). Buddy actually finds someone (Zoey Deschanel) in the city that shares his same passion for elves. She is an elf at the department store, Gimbel's. Buddy quickly grows fond of her and brings back a little of her lost Christmas spirit.

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UNO award-winning Jazz ensembles present concert

J. PARKER ADAIR

Senior staff writer

Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Dizzy Gillespie and many other jazz enthusiasts will be on stage at the Milo Bail Student Center. Well, at least their music will be.

The award-winning Jazz ensembles at the UNO and the Metropolitan Area Youth Jazz Orchestra will perform Wednesday in a concert. Pete Madsen, an assistant professor and director of jazz studies at UNO, will direct the show. The UNO jazz ensembles have received much acclaim for outstanding musical performances. Such acclamations have come from internationally recognized jazz artists, clinicians and adjudicators.

The ensembles will also host the annual Great Plains Jazz Festival and make regular appearances at national jazz festivals. In June 2003, they toured the Baltic States and performed for John Theft, U.S. Ambassador to Lithuania.

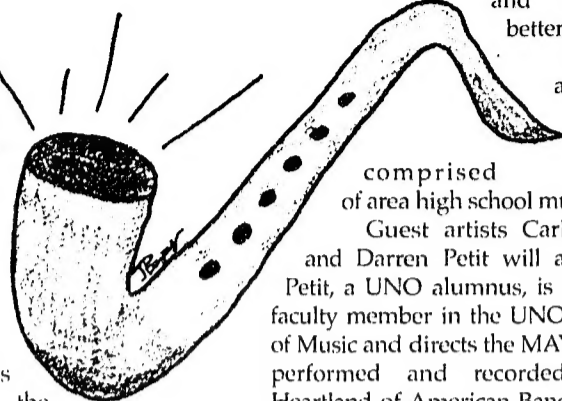
"Auditions were held at the beginning of the fall semester to determine who would play," Madsen said. "UNO has two groups divided upon ability and who plays better."

MAYJO is an audition-only group comprised of area high school music students. Guest artists Carlos Figueroa and Darren Petit will also perform. Petit, a UNO alumnus, is an artist and faculty member in the UNO Department of Music and directs the MAYJO. Petit has performed and recorded with the Heartland of American Band, Mannheim Steamroller, the Four Tops and the Crystals, among others. He has also

worked as a freelance musician and private teacher.

Figueroa is an artist-in-residence at UNO. He has performed as a percussionist with the U.S. Air Force Band for the past 23 years. Figueroa currently teaches drum set lessons and how to transfer creativity to music. He also works with jazz rhythm sections and presents Master classes to the UNO percussion studio. His residency is sponsored by the Nebraska Arts Council and the UNO department of Music.

The show will consist of approximately 15 songs. Show time is at 7:30 p.m. and should last about two hours. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. For tickets, call 554-3427. For more information on the event, contact Madsen at 554-2297.



It's HIP-HOP and it don't stop: The latest news in the industry...

LEIA BAEZ

Entertainment editor

~ **P.Diddy** is not only running the city. He is also being accused that his signature clothing line Sean John is made in a sweatshop. Yet, Honduran Officials are defending Diddy. The officials said they've found no evidence so far to support the claims. On orders from President Ricardo Maduro, Honduras' Labor Minister, German Leitzelar, conducted a tour of the Southeast Textiles factory in Choloma with a group of inspectors. Leitzelar found no proof of the slave-like conditions alleged by the U.S.-based National Labor Committee, an anti-sweatshop advocacy group.

~ **Missy Elliott** is teaming up with Justin Timberlake to raise funds for AIDS relief and research.

The song, "The World Is Ours," is to

be a reworked tune along the lines of "We Are The World," which was created by Michael Jackson, Lionel Ritchie and Quincy Jones back in the 80s. The song is an effort to end famine in the world. The track will be released sometime this spring with the permission of Quincy Jones, who served as producer on "We Are The World."

~ **G-Unit** and Interscope Records are giving out \$50,000 dollars worth of diamonds. Buy *Beg For Mercy* on Nov. 18th and have a chance at one of four official diamond-studded spinning G-Unit chains. Each winner will receive a chain with a diamond-studded spinning G-Unit medallion, valued at \$12,500.

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Horoscopes

PREDICTIONS BY

Madame Zora

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You are destined to speak in nothing but Oscar Wilde epigrams this week, Scorpio.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You are destined to die beyond your means. Or at least that's what Oscar Wilde once said.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Through the wonders of online dating, you will import your very own pygmy harem from Nigeria.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

The Gap owns Hot Topic. Yes, I'm disturbed too, Aquarius.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

You will become a vampire. Tough cookies since Halloween is over.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

To discover the meaning of life and

most literary works, you must only remember this: the one with the most tragic past wins.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

That crime report log? Yeah. We know that was you:

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You will find true love this week. Probably, or maybe not.

Cancer (June 21-July 23)

Diet soda actually does taste better. You've been living a lie.

Leo (July 24-Aug. 22)

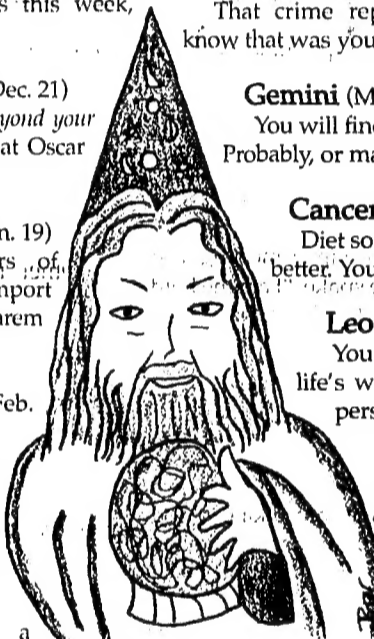
You will make it your life's work to stalk the next person you see.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Your money troubles will be over this week, Virgo, as the value of belly button lint

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Don't even try it.



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HEADLINE



Steve and Jessica Todd with their children Taylor (left) and Theresa walk across campus as part of the Halloween trick or treat parade.

photo by Chris Machian

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over the next couple months during the tour.

The band has already performed in Ohio, the band's home state, and Michigan, Mississippi, Texas and Pennsylvania.

Freekbass wants Omaha to unite and transport good vibes to and from one another at the upcoming show.

"We want to become one with the crowd," Freekbass said.

Freekbass will perform at the Ranch Bowl, 1600 S. 72nd St., on Wednesday at 9 p.m.

Hawks frustrate and upend Mavericks

PAUL FREELEND

Senior staff writer

Rockhurst dealt eighth-ranked UNO's post-season prospects a severe blow as the Hawks used their small, hard field to their advantage in a 2-0 upset win.

A former Creighton player, Kelly Fitzpatrick, did the damage for Rockhurst, scoring in the 18th and 56th minute. The Mavs had most of the play in the match, but a compact field and a tenacious Hawk defense limited UNO's chances.

Maverick Head Coach Don Klosterman said his side failed to match Rockhurst's intensity from the outset.

"I don't think we played that poorly. Rockhurst just wanted to win more than we did. We have to start understanding that teams are always going to come after us and sometimes play harder than us," Klosterman said. "That's been the case in our losses. We usually wake up and start playing once we're behind, but we have to

give a consistent effort for 90 minutes."

Brytten Kraft had a pair of early chances saved before Fitzpatrick's opener. Maggie Roach played Fitzpatrick in behind the Maverick defense and the junior forward tucked her shot into the upper-left corner of the goal.

UNO awoke from their slumber after the goal and put the Rockhurst goal under further pressure. Haley Fries turned and beat her defender in the penalty area only to see her shot roll agonizingly wide of the far post. Stephanie Kirby's cross hit the crossbar three minutes later and Ashley Grace's follow-up shot was cleared off the goal line.

Anne Willrett created the last two Mav chances of the first half. Willrett split a pair of defenders in the box, but her shot was blocked down. Less than a minute before halftime, her backheel pass found Megan Herzberg streaking into the box. Rockhurst's goalkeeper, Kari Dwyer, was

quick off her line to stuff Herzberg's shot, though.

Klosterman said Rockhurst's efforts in midfield played a large part in their success.

"Our biggest thing was in midfield," Klosterman said. "We just got out-worked and out-hustled. We were able to create chances for ourselves. We created a number of chances, but we couldn't finish them."

Fitzpatrick grabbed her second 11 minutes into the second half, finding the ball after a mad scramble in the Maverick penalty area and slotting the ball home through a crowd. The Hawks then packed their defensive end, leaving UNO with little space to operate and create scoring chances.

Christen Boeckel and Grace each had chances in the box saved while Mav keeper Amy Price had to be alert to acrobatically tip Molly Wiman's shot over

the bar in the 67th minute. Despite having most of the play in Rockhurst's end, the Mavs failed to break down the Hawks' defense and slumped to their second defeat of the season.

UNO (14-2-2) entered the match as the top-ranked team in the Central region while Rockhurst (11-5) was sixth. Klosterman said his team could not afford to dwell on the defeat for long.

"We just have to get back at it," Klosterman said. "We need to regroup and start playing again. I'm not sure what this will do to us in the region, but it'll be better for Rockhurst than it will for us. It's a good thing we have another chance."

UNO starts post-season play Friday at the North Central Conference tournament in Mankato, Minn. The second-seeded Mavs will play North Dakota following hosts Minnesota State-Mankato's match against fourth seed South Dakota State.

The 10 Commandments of national sports

J. PARKER ADAIR

Senior staff writer

The Lord spake unto the owners and commissioners of the NBA, NFL, NHL and MLB at a secret winter meeting held in Haites. And so he spake, "I am the Lord your God..." (the Lord paused to acknowledge Yankee owner George Steinbrenner)

Lord: George, hast thou a question?

George: Shouldn't I be leading the meeting? I mean, I am the boss, and this is my neighborhood. Hold on Lord, I have a phone call. Yes Lucifer. I am talking to God right now. Yes I'll ask him about moving the Vatican to Yankee Stadium.

Lord: Ist thou finished? The travel all the way down here has been...well...hell. As I have seen, athletes on earth have run amok for far too long. Rather than revert to that whole vengeful God thing, I called upon you to aid me in setting forth some new Commandments for the world of professional sports. The new commandments must be passed by three-fifths majority. NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue, do you have a suggestion?

Paul: How about, remember to keep Holy the Pro Bowl?

Commissioner Tagliabue was the only member to vote for this. Tagliabue once again spoke.

Paul: Anyone who playethed football whence the original commandments were brought forth shalt playest for the Raiders.

Raiders Owner Al Davis: It's already taken care of. As a matter of fact we signed Moses this morning as a place kick holder.

Lord: How about Thou shalt not name any crappy team after God, the Angels or Saints. Other than last year, thou hast been a disgrace. Dos thou understand how difficult it is to transubstantiate an archangel into a rally monkey? Likewise, Thou shalt not name any good team after satan's army. Also Miroslav Satan shalt become like Pele going only by the name Miroslav.

This motion won a majority because the owners saw it as a great way to make an extra buck. Unfortunately it was unable to make the final draft.

Bud Selig: Thou shalt not explain the infield fly rule.

Immediately all owners from all other leagues asked, "What's the infield fly rule?" The motion failed.

Other motions suggested but not carried were:

Thou shalt not playeth a trap in hockey

When thou maketh a sack, thou shalt not pretend to swing a baseball bat. Likewise, when thou hits a home run, thou must not tackle the shortstop.

Thou shalt not allow Disney to make anymore sports movies.

A final draft of the Commandments is as follows.

ONE: I am the Lord Stanley, thou shalt not have other trophies before my Cup.

TWO: Thou shalt not make unto thee an engraven image or any likeness of anyone that shalt not beest in the Hall of Fame. Furthermore, thou shalt not construct an image of Brett Favre or any other Green Bay Packer out of cheese.

THREE: Thou shalt take the Lord's name in vain every time thou bootest a routine ground ball. However thou shalt quit thanking Jesus Christ, your Lord and Savior every time you run for a touchdown. Instead thou shalt thank your right guard. He madest a hell of an iso block.

FOUR: Remember to keep Holy the Super Bowl, the World Series, the Stanley Cup and to a lesser extent, the NBA Finals

FIVE: Honor thy owner, for he signs your paychecks.

SIX: Thou shalt not kill. Thou's coach meant it as a figure of speech. Thou must taked it as a half-assed gesture to get thou pumped up to play the Lions.

SEVEN: Thou shalt not commit adultery.

EIGHT: Thou shalt not steal on a 3-0 count. Also, if thou beest the batter, thou must taked on the same count

NINE: Thou shalt not bear false witness against thyself. If thou cannot

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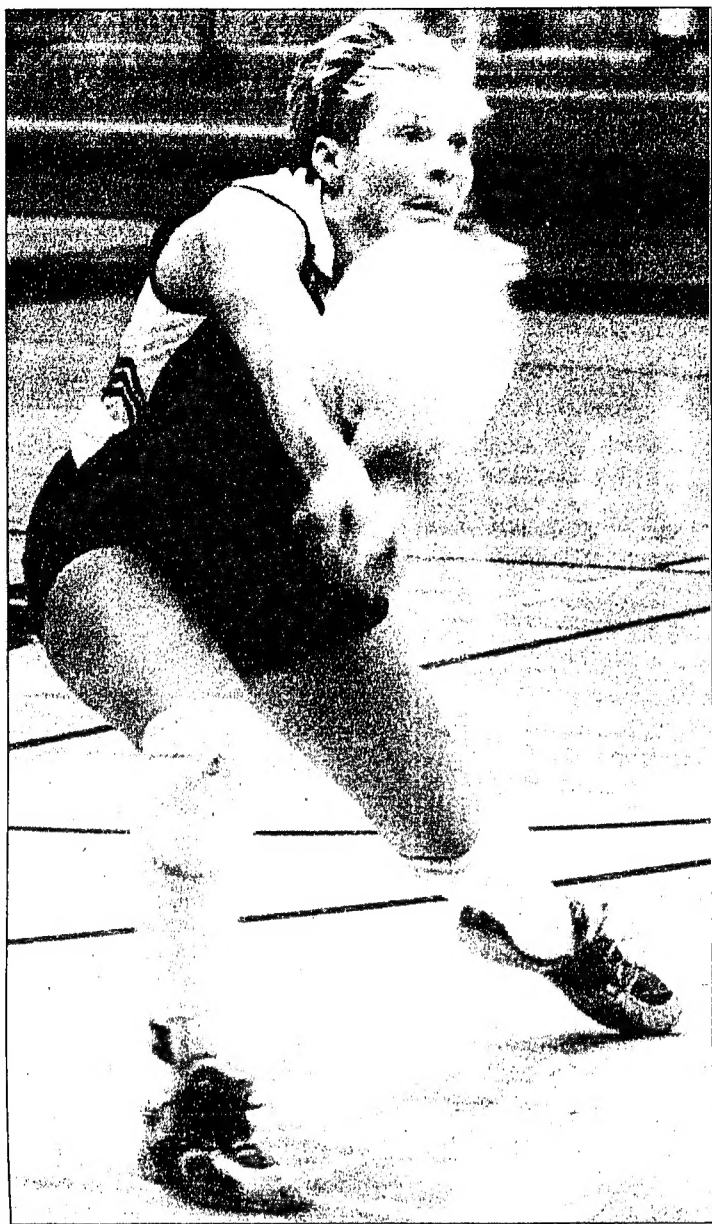
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Above, UNO's Amy McLeay hits against the Fighting Sioux Friday night. The Mavericks lost the match game 1 to 3.

photos by Steve Houlton



Volleyball's downhill spiral

J. PARKER ADAIR

Senior staff writer

At one point, the UNO volleyball team was 10-6. They had won three of four matches and were about to enter conference play on a hot note.

That was then, this is now.

Since that time, UNO has dropped 11 of 12 matches, beating only Augustana in what looks to be more of a fluke than anything else.

This weekend, a combined home crowd of 1,210 said farewell to the team's only senior, Kylie Lebeda. Lebeda, among the assists leaders in UNO history, hoped to make her last two matches memorable. They were, but for all the wrong reasons.

Halloween night, UNO hosted 387 fans as well as the 17-9 North Dakota Fighting Sioux. Maverick Head Coach Rose Shires hoped to have some tricks up her sleeves as UNO stuck with the Sioux early. North Dakota was up 15-14 when an Amy McLeay error became the treat the Sioux were looking for. From that point, North Dakota took over and won the game 30-24.

In game two, UND held the lead from the opening point, until the officials blew the whistle on a 30-17 route. The Mavericks put together a three-point rally only once in defeat as the teams headed into, a third-game, which could have been the last of the evening.

That's when the Mavericks came back and handed the Sioux a loss, to pull within one game. UNO has made a habit of game three comebacks, but it has always been too little, too late.

The closest UNO would get was a 2-2 tie. From then on, UND slaughtered the Mavs and took the match 3-1 following their 30-19 win.

Amy McLeay recorded yet another double-double for the Mavs with 15 assists and kills, but

that was the lone highlight on Halloween for UNO.

Lebeda was now set to play her final match at home Saturday. A crowd of 823 came to see the Omaha-Marian product. After a brief ceremony, the teams took the floor and the Mavericks did what they do best. They lost, but they didn't go down without a great fight.

UNO played extremely hard for its captain and was on the verge of upsetting No. 11 North Dakota State. Unfortunately, the 16-16 tie score seemed to be all the Mavericks could muster as the Bison took game one, 30-20.

Game two seemed to be the perfect time for UNO to make their move. The Mavs took the early lead, before NDSU took it back. UNO tied it at 14 before going down four. Again the home team came back tying it at 23.

A blocking error by Ashley Freeman gave the Bison a lead, and they would take the second frame 30-27.

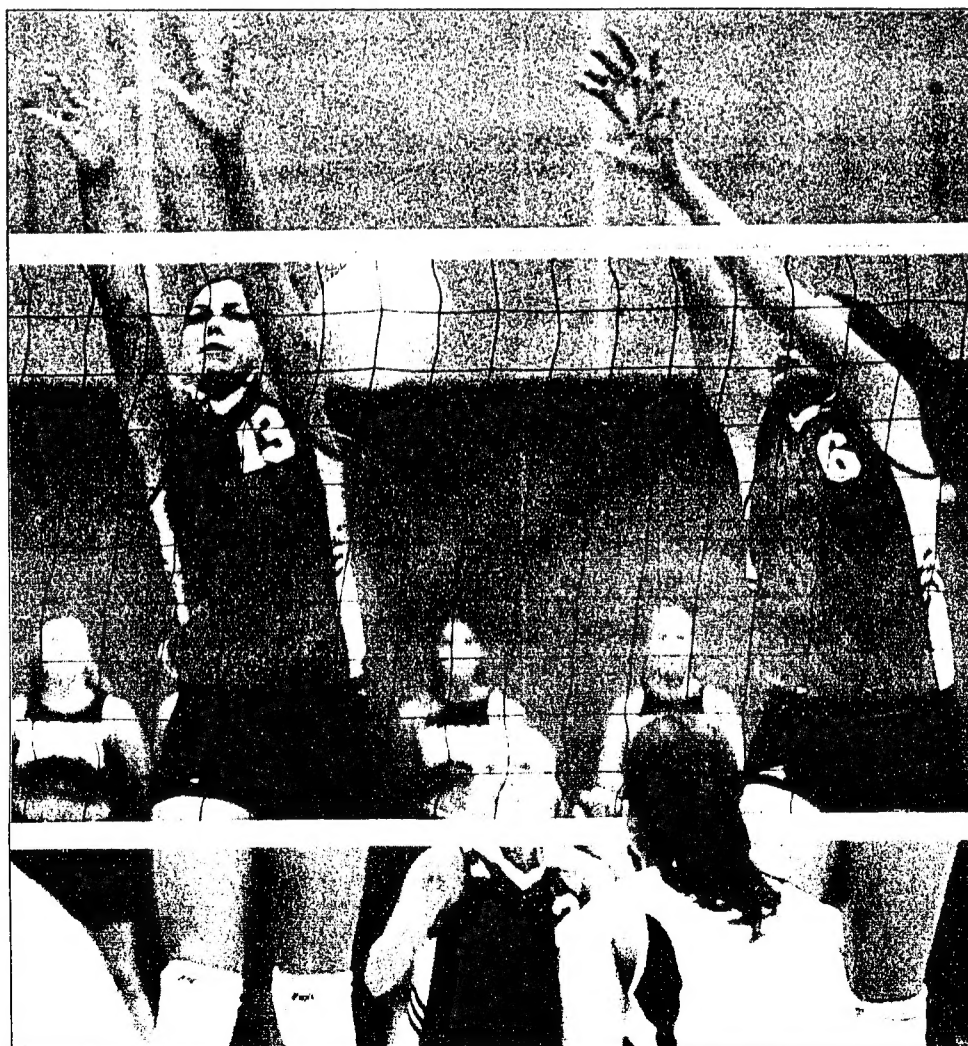
Jenny Rankin served the first three points for the Mavericks as they rumbled to a 4-1 lead before the Bison scored five consecutive points to take the lead.

UNO tied it up at 23 once again, but a kill from the Bison seemed to be the difference maker.

A Lebeda assist to Freeman was the last score of the match for UNO, and the last one at home ever for Lebeda.

NDSU won the game 30-26 and the match 3-0, but it was one of the harder fought matches of the year. On this day, UNO was just outmatched, but there is no question they didn't have enough heart. All three games could have gone either way, and UNO has three more matches on the road before their season concludes.

The team next plays Friday at St. Cloud State.



Above, Julia McConahay (left) and Andrea Wegner miss a block against NDSU Saturday night.

Left, Katie Blacketer attempts a hit as Jenny Rankin looks on during Saturday's game.

UNO's Justin Kammrad fights off two UND defenders to get downfield during Saturday's game. The Mavericks lost the game to a late UND field goal.



photos by Mike Mohaupt, UND

Mavs lose North Dakota nailbiter

Other than the formality of whipping winless Minnesota State — Mankato next weekend, the UNO football season is all but over.

After erasing a 14-point fourth quarter deficit to tie the game, the Mavericks fell in Grand Forks Saturday as North Dakota kicked a last minute field goal to win 38-35.

Justin Kammrad had another stand-out day for UNO rushing for more 200 yards for the third straight game.

Quarterback Brian Masek threw for 291 yards and two scores while rushing for one more all on a sprained medial collateral ligament. Ryan Krause caught eight passes for 173 yards.

North Dakota's John Bowenkamp threw for 277 yards and two touchdowns.

With the game tied 14-14 at the half North Dakota got two plays that built them the lead. UND converted an interception and a botched punt into touchdowns.

Mavericks put together an 80-yard drive highlighted by two big completions to Krause connection.

On UNO's first drive of the fourth, Masek had a pass intercepted and returned for a touchdown.

UNO answered when Kammrad ran for a 60-yard score and Masek three a three yards TD pass to Dustin Danahoo.

The Mavericks had a chance to take their first lead when a UND fumble gave UNO the ball 30 yards from the win. Andy Severson pushed a 32-yard field goal wide left giving the Sioux one more shot at the win.

After driving down field UND's Jeff Glas hit a 48-yard field goal for the win With 15 seconds left.

UNO fell to 7-3 on the year and 4-2 in the NCC. North Dakota remained undefeated in conference and is guaranteed at least a tie for the conference title. The Mavericks, who were ranked sixth in the region will likely not have a shot at the playoffs.

UNO has lost two of their three games by a combined five points.

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score 50 points against the Rockets, thou shalt not say so. Also, thou shalt not speak in the third person. Thou sounds too much like Bob Dole. Bob Dole shalt play defensive tackle for the Raiders.

TEN: Thou shalt not covet thy teammate's shoe contract. Thou beest a 7 foot, 250 pound Lithuanian who somehow

got drafted in the first round. Thou hath not street cred. However, thou shalt covet the Ickey Shuffle as long as thou creates thou's own celebration in the end zone.

It was agreed upon by all owners, save one, on adding the following sacred eleventh Commandment.

ELEVEN: Thou shalt not cheer for the Yankees, EVER!

from ELF, page 7

Farrell leads the movie in a child-like, carefree manner that ties the great cast all together, creating a great comedy for the whole family or even a date.

Between the cute cartoon arctic animals and the off-the-wall humor of

Farrell, the movie will hold even those with the attention span of a preschooler in their seats long enough to enjoy the show. "Elf" is definitely worth the money to see in the theater. It might even be one worth adding to your favorite holiday collection.

The film Elf opens in theatres Friday.

from POWERFUL, page 4

Judaism, as does a large proportion of the "Hollywood Elite." In spite of the advance of intellectualism, the society at large still feels the need to justify their affairs by hauling God into their matters, even if this means putting words in his mouth. More people in America claim to believe in God and an afterlife than their counterparts in Europe, which again is significant. I ask why? The reason is simple. It is not the wretched of the Earth who seek God most — it is the powerful and that is a paradox. Hitler was obsessed with spiritual prophecy and today as was many would be conquerors of the world before him.

Most of those who have sought to "take over the world" have requested for some form of divine justification before proceeding — I ask, why? It could be a primordial instinct, or that feeling of inadequacy that plagues most those who have a lot to lose — but it could be otherwise. It could be that "God" is only a tool; a crutch to be used and discarded on the way when useless and possibly usurped. It could be that deep in the hearts of these would be global emperors flickers the light of an ancient hope and accursed ambition — "I will ascend and be like the Most High."

from AB, page 6

muscles more than a traditional crunch, Sternlicht said.

The Ab Roller Plus rolls forward and backward as the user performs a crunchlike movement. A user grasps the handles of the Torso Track 2 while in a kneeling position and rolls his or her upper body forward and backward. The AB-Doer Pro requires the user to be seated and push against the resistance provided by the device. The Perfect Abs comes with three bands that span the abdomen, with one end at the thighs and the other held by the hands at chest level. Each band provides a different level of resistance when the user performs a crunch movement.

Thirty-three healthy adults used the abdominal devices for one set of eight to 10 repetitions.

Researchers measured the muscle activity in three areas of the abs — the rectus abdominis, the external obliques and the

rectus femoris.

Only the Perfect Abs — when used lying down with the medium and high-resistance bands — stimulated more muscle activity than a traditional crunch.

Sternlicht said an exerciser can increase the resistance by changing the bands as he or she gains abdominal strength.

The device sounds promising, but the study has limitations: It's a small study and we don't know how effective the device is beyond one set of repetitions and over a long period.

Keep in mind that other studies have shown that variety in exercises is crucial to constantly strengthening the abs. Several exercises, such as the plank, fortify the abs, without the help of a gadget.

If you prefer the help of a device, the inflatable ball is probably a wiser, less expensive buy. You can do several abdominal exercises that can challenge your core muscles as well as other body parts.

and were allowed to let the ball bounce once before catching it."

The vintage baseball season runs from March to October and anyone can play. Back in the 1800s, women were allowed to play base ball due to the shortage of players, Baker said. Unlike today, the women's teams were allowed to play the men's team.

from MONTH, page 6

the Dodge Room of the Student Center.

Nov. 12

Wynema Morris, a member of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, will speak about "Understanding American Indian Tribal Governments," at noon in the Nebraska Room of the Student Center.

Morris will discuss what it means to be an enrolled tribal member, tribal jurisdiction and sovereignty, gambling and relationships with the U.S. government. Morris also will explain the role and function of tribal governments, and how the interaction between Indian tribes and early Europeans during the Age of Discovery forged legal and political ties

from ROAD, page 2

Sharon Stephan, director of marketing for the University of Nebraska, said the new advertising campaign is not designed specifically to attract new students but to raise awareness of the University of Nebraska as an excellent academic institution.

She said the campaign is not a response to decreasing enrollment in the university system.

"It has more to do with the fact that we don't think people across the U.S. know what [a] strong university we have, in terms of academics and research," Stephan said. "Other universities are actively recruiting Nebraska students, so we do need to be competitive in getting our name out there."

The messages on the trailers represent three strengths of the University of Nebraska: cancer research, information technology and student opportunity. The billboards feature pictures of students and

Wednesday, Nov. 19

John Kauffman will give a presentation about "According to Coyote," at noon in the Nebraska Room of the Student Center.

"According to Coyote" includes an anthology of tales and features the legendary hero of American Indian mythology — the brave, foolish, wise, sneaky trickster. The Mixed Blood Theatre Company of Minneapolis, a professional, multi-racial group that promotes cultural pluralism, individual equality and artistic excellence, will perform the theatre presentation.

Thursday, Nov. 20

A Native American Studies Panel Discussion will be at noon in the Dodge Room of the Student Center. Faculty in the UNO Department of Native American Studies will lead the panel discussion.

alumni from all four University of Nebraska campuses, graphic images of a computer infrastructure and a DNA helix.

"On 18 Wheels" isn't aimed at increasing awareness to any one particular NU campus.

"All of our marketing efforts are aimed at telling people about the benefits and contributions of the University of Nebraska as a whole, whether that is in undergraduate education, research, community outreach, economic development professional education or any other aspect," said Stephan. "Each campus has its own unique strengths, offerings and culture."

"We want students and their parents, teachers and counselors to know that this is an

excellent university, where students can receive a quality education at a reasonable cost, and

that they will leave the university well-prepared for a career."

from VINTAGE, page 6

to the scorer's table, ring the bell, and request "Tally one run, sir," or his run did not count. If foul language was used, the player could be fined by the umpire and required to pay 10 cents to a dollar.

"Back then, there were no gloves, no fear," Baker said. "Players used a softer ball

MBSC Activities

The Milo Bail Student Center is a Unit of Student Affairs



Tues., Nov. 4th 7:30 am Catholic Campus Ministry 7:30 am Student Services 9:30 am UNO Metro Collaboration Team 11 am Psychic Suzanna 12 noon Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance 12 noon Native American Heritage 4:30 pm School of Social Work Organization 5:30 pm Alpha Xi Delta 6 pm Emerging Leaders 6 pm Christ on Campus 6:30 pm Alpha Xi Delta 7:30 pm Lambda Theta Nu Wed., Nov. 5th 7:30 am Campus Crusade 9 am Masters of Public Admin. Committee 10 am Native American Heritage Month 11:30 am Library Friends Book Club 12 noon African American Organization	12 noon ALAS 1 pm Lambda Theta Nu 3 pm UP/UNO Collaboration Team 5 pm Theta Chi 6 pm Walgreens 7:30 pm Jazz Band Concert 9 pm Omicron Delta Kappa Thurs., Nov. 6th 8 am Walgreens 8 am JQ Office Equipment 9 am Larry Morgan's Staff Meeting 10 am Consider This . . . 10 am SPO Laser Tag 12 noon American Multicultural Students 12 noon Student Organizations 2:30 pm Panhellenic 4:30 pm Student Marketing Association 5:30 pm Christ on Campus 6 pm Delta Sigma Pi 6 pm Walgreens 7 pm Student Government 7 pm Delta Sigma Pi 8 pm Campus Crusade	Fri., Nov. 7th 9 am Recruitment Services 11 am Student Programming 12 noon Institutional Research 12 noon Alcoholics Anonymous 12 noon Interfraternity Council 12 noon The Grove 2 pm Judicial Board 5 pm Edge/Focus 5 pm Circle K Sat., Nov. 8th 8 am Dr. Anderson Training Seminar 8 am Circle K 8 am Chandra Hooper 9 am African American History Challenge 9:30 am Football Recruiting Sun., Nov. 9th 2 pm Zeta Tau Alpha 4 pm Sigma Kappa 4:30 pm ROSAS 5 pm Pi Kappa Alpha 5 pm Phi Beta Sigma 5:30 pm Lambda Chi Alpha	6 pm Sigma Lambda Beta 6 pm Student Gaming Org. 6:30 pm Theta Chi 6:30 pm Zeta Phi Beta 6:30 pm Alpha Xi Delta Skit Night 7 pm Theta Chi Mon., Nov. 10th 11:30 am Christensen Luncheon 12 noon The Grove 12 noon AA 12 noon Master Success 1 pm Graduate Council Committee B 2 pm Graduate Council 3 pm Articulation Committee 5 pm Chi Omega 8 pm Circle K 8 pm College Democrats 8:15 pm Christian Student Fellowship Tues., Nov. 11th 7 am Athletic Training Breakfast 7:30 am Catholic Campus Ministry 8 am SPO Candidate	8:30 am SAC advance 8:30 am Staff Advisory Council 11 am Sexual Health Fair 11:45 am SPO Candidate Luncheon 12 noon Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance 3 pm Delta Epsilon Chi 4 pm SHAC 5:30 pm Alpha Xi Delta 6 pm Traffic Appeals 6 pm Christ on Campus 6:30 pm Alpha Xi Delta 7 pm Amnesty International 7:30 pm Lambda Theta Nu
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